

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1, 5, 9, and 13-19 have been amended. Claims 2, 6, and 12 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, and 13-19 are pending and under consideration.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-8 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-5 and 7-8 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,065,053 issued to Nouri et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Nouri") in view of U.S. Patent No 7,181,517 issued to lavergne et al. (hereinafter referred to as "lavergne"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Nouri and lavergne, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "a server controlling unit ...to control the telephone signal transmitting unit to supply the ring signal to the telephone network accessing unit of the selected electronic appliance having the read proper telephone number through the telephone network, and to control the telephone signal transmitting unit to supply the DTMF signal to the telephone network accessing unit of the selected electronic appliance based on a user input from the remote user terminal so that power of the selected electronic appliance is enabled," as recited in claim 1. The cited references do not disclose supplying both the ring signal and the DTMF signal based on a user input so that the power of the selected electronic appliance is enabled. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 3 and 4 are also patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

Similarly, Nouri and lavergne, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "controlling the electronic appliance to enable a power thereof by reading out the stored proper telephone number of the electronic appliance that is selected according to a selection of power control of the electronic appliance by the user accessing the remote control server from a remote user terminal and by supplying both a ring signal and a DTMF (dual-tone multi-frequency) signal to the selected electronic appliance having the proper telephone number through a telephone network," as recited in claim 5. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 5 is patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 5 and include all of the features of claim 5. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 7 and 8 are also patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 2, 6, and 9-19 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 6, and 9-19 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nouri in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 6,425,000 issued to Carmello et al (hereinafter referred to as "Carmello") and in further view of lavergne. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2, 6, and 12 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Nouri, Carmello, and lavergne, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "wherein a user controls power to the plurality of electronic appliances via the remote user terminal, and wherein the remote control server comprises:...a telephone signal transmitting unit to transmit both a ring signal and a DTMF (dual-tone multi-frequency) signal to the plurality of electronic appliances based on input from the remote user terminal to control the power to the plurality of electronic devices," as recited in claim 9. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 9 is patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Claims 10, 11, and 13-18 depend from claim 9 and include all of the features of claim 9. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 9 is patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

Similarly, Nouri, Carmello, and lavergne, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "a telephone signal transmitting unit to transmit both a ring signal and a DTMF (dual-tone multi-frequency) signal to the plurality of electronic appliances; ...wherein a user controls power to the plurality of electronic appliances via the remote user terminal by causing the telephone signal transmitting unit to transmit both the ring signal and the DTMF signal to the plurality of electronic devices based on user input to the remote user terminal," as recited in claim 19. Carmello does not cure the deficiencies of Nouri and lavergne. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 19 is patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Summary

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, and 13-19 are pending and under consideration. It is respectfully submitted that none of the references taken alone or in combination disclose the present claimed invention.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

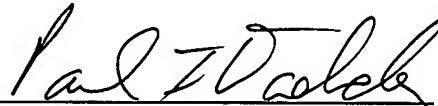
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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